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[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

(1) MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House the following messages, dated 5th August 1956 and 23rd August 1956, received from the Governor of Madras :—

"(i) In pursuance of Article 207, clause (3), of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Assembly the consideration of the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill, 1956.

(ii) In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1), read with Article 199, clause (1), sub-clause (*a*), of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation for the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge and Additional Surcharge) Amendment Bill, 1956."

(2) SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER : The programme of the House, as decided by the Business Advisory Committee, may be stated by the Hon. the Leader of the House.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Mr. Speaker, in the Business Advisory Committee meeting, it has been decided that the following Bills :—

(1) The Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1956,

(2) The Madras Cultivating Tenants (Payment of Fair Rent) Bill, 1956, and

(3) The Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1956

and the Resolution with regard to the ratification of the amendments proposed to be made to the Constitution of India should be finished by Tuesday. That means, four days—to-day, tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday—would be available for these. The hours of sitting also have been fixed. Tentatively the general discussion on the Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1956, will take place to-day, and to-morrow, the clause by clause consideration of the Bill will be taken up. On Monday, the Madras Cultivating Tenants (Payment of Fair Rent) Bill, 1956, the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1956, and the Government Resolution will be taken up. The hours of sitting have been fixed and from to-morrow onwards the House will sit from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., i.e., four hours everyday. As regards the work on Wednesday, we have not fixed any business and that will be done at the meeting of the Business

Advisory Committee on Monday seeing the progress we are able to make on these Bills. Twenty-seventh September 1956 will be a non-official day. Twenty-eighth and 29th will have to be allotted for considering the Supplementary Budget and the Appropriation Bill arising out of that. These are the decisions which the Business Advisory Committee have taken and I hope the House will approve of that.

The recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee were approved.

(3) REGARDING AMENDMENTS.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that I have fixed 5 p.m. to-day, i.e., 21st September 1956, as the time within which amendments to the Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1956, should reach the Legislative Assembly office, and amendments for the Madras Cultivating Tenants (Payment of Fair Rent) Bill, 1956, should reach the office by 5 p.m. on 22nd September 1956. The amendments for the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1956, should reach the office by 10 a.m. on Monday, the 24th September 1956.''

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE*

ACTION OF THE HEALTH OFFICER IN SEALING SOME OF THE TURMERIC GODOWNS IN ERODE UNDER THE PREVENTION OF FOOD ADULTERATION ACT.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Sri K. T. Raju which reads as follows :—

'' This House do adjourn to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the serious situation and anxiety caused to the peasants due to the action of the Health Officer who sealed some of the turmeric godowns on 20th September 1956 and is threatening to close most of the godowns in Erode town under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act indiscriminately thereby causing heavy loss to the peasants and almost closing down the turmeric market and business in Erode which is the centre for the Madras State.''

May I know what the hon. Member has got to say in the matter?

11-55 a.m. * SRI K. T. RAJU : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஈரோடு மஞ்சள் கிடங்குகளுக்குச் சென்று சோதனை போட்டதில், அங்கே இருந்த மஞ்சளில் சில கெட்டுப் போய் சுகாதாரத்திற்குப் பாதகம் விளைவிக்கும்படி இருந்தது என்ற காரணத்திற்காக கிடங்குகளையே சீல் வைத்து விட்டு வந்திருக்கிறார்கள் சுகாதார அதிகாரிகள். கெட்டுப்போன மஞ்சள் சிலவற்றை எடுத்து வேண்டுமென்றால் அவர்கள் பரீட்சைக்காக கிண்டிக்கு அனுப்பியிருக்கலாம். அதை விட்டு விட்டு கிடங்குகளையே சீல் போட்டு வந்து விட்டதால் ஈரோடு மஞ்சள் மார்க்கெட் பெரிதும் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திலேயே கோயம்புத்தூர், ஈரோடு போன்ற இந்த இடங்கள் தான் மஞ்சள் உற்பத்தியில் அதிகம் ஈடுபட்டுள்ள இடம். சுகாதாரத்திற்குக் கெடுதி விளைவிக்கும் மஞ்சள் மார்க்கெட்டுக்கு வரக்கூடாது என்பதற்காக அரசாங்கம் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பதைப் பற்றி எனக்கு ஆட்சேபனை இல்லை. ஆனால் விலைவாசியும் இறங்கிக் கொண்டிருக்கும்போது மஞ்சள்